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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: ITO, Keita et al.

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For: **SEAL STRUCTURE IN ENGINE BODY**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 13, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 14, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please AMEND the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, through page 8, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph.

As shown in Figs.3 and 6 to 8, a gasket 85 is interposed between joints of the cylinder block 7 and the first/second case halves 6L/6R. A bar-shaped seal member 86 is interposed between the first and second case halves 6L and 6R in the following manner: A U-shaped seal groove 87 is formed in one of the joints of first and second case halves 6L and 6R in order to extend along an inner peripheral surface of such one joint; and an enlarged recess 87a extending over the joints of the case halves 6L and 6R is formed to each of opposite ends of the seal groove 87 located facing the cylinder block 7. On the other hand, the seal member 86 is made of an elastomeric material, such as

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